

March 1

Wisdom 2:1-23

**“The Wrong
Thinking of the
Wicked”**



**¹ For the ungodly said,
reasoning with
themselves, but not
aright, Our life is short
and tedious, and in the
death of a man there is
no remedy: neither was
there any man known to
have returned from the
grave. ² For we are born
at all adventure: and we
shall be hereafter as
though we had never
been: for the breath in
our nostrils is as smoke,
and a little spark in the
moving of our heart.**

**³ Which being
extinguished, our body
shall be turned into
ashes, and our spirit
shall vanish as the soft
air: ⁴ And our name shall
be forgotten in time, and
no man shall have our
works in remembrance,
and our life shall pass
away as the trace of a
cloud: and shall be
dispersed as a mist that
is driven away with the
beams of the Sun, and
overcome with the heat
thereof. ⁵ For our time is**

a very shadow that
passeth away: and after
our end there is no
returning: for it is fast
sealed, so that no man
cometh again. ⁶ Come on
therefore, let us enjoy the
good things that are
present: and let us
speedily use the
creatures like as in youth.
⁷ Let us fill ourselves with
costly wine, and
ointments: and let no
flower of the Spring pass
by us. ⁸ Let us crown
ourselves with Rose

buds, before they be
withered. ⁹ Let none of us
go without his part of our
voluptuousness: let us
leave tokens of our
joyfulness in every place:
for this is our portion,
and our lot is this. ¹⁰ Let
us oppress the poor
righteous man, let us not
spare the widow, nor
reverence the ancient
gray hairs of the aged.
¹¹ Let our strength be the
Law of justice: for that
which is feeble is found
to be nothing worth.

¹² Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous: because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings: he upbraideth us with our offending the Law, and objecteth to our infamy the transgressings of our education. ¹³ He professeth to have the knowledge of God: and he calleth himself the child of the Lord. ¹⁴ He was made to reprove our thoughts. ¹⁵ He is grievous unto us even to

behold: for his life is not like other mens, his ways are of another fashion.

¹⁶ We are esteemed of him as counterfeits: he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness: he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his father.

¹⁷ Let us see if his words be true: and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him. ¹⁸ For if the just man be the son of God, he will help him,

and deliver him from the hand of his enemies.

¹⁹ Let us examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience. ²⁰ Let us condemn him with a shameful death: for by his own saying, he shall be respected. ²¹ Such things they did imagine, and were deceived: for their own wickedness hath blinded them. ²² As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not:

neither hoped they for
the wages of
righteousness: nor
discerned a reward for
blameless souls. ²³ For
God created man to be
immortal, and made him
to be an image of his own
eternity. ²⁴ Nevertheless
through envy of **the devil**
came **death** into the
world: and they that do
hold of **his** side do find **it**.

The ungodly,
according to our
passage, have a

particular, albeit
quite wrong, way of
thinking about life in
general and about
those who are godly
and righteous.

Here's what they
have concluded and
what they plan to do
to prove their
conclusions.

They say:
Our lives are brief
and mundane and
nothing can stop
death. Nobody
comes back from the
grave. We're here
today and gone
tomorrow. Our
breath is as fleeting
as smoke and our
heartbeat is as
temporary as a

spark. When we die,
our bodies turn to
ashes and our spirits
are nothing more
than air. Our names
and efforts just
vanish. Poof! Our
time on earth is like
a shadow and when
we're gone, we're
gone for good.
There is no
coming back.

So, come on and
enjoy the good
things and act as if
we are carefree
children again. Let's
fill up; live lavishly
and surround
ourselves with the
best of the best. We
deserve to live it up
and show everybody
we did it. It's our
right; our legacy.

We must “oppress
the poor righteous
man”. We won’t save
the widow or respect
the elderly. And
we’re going to use
the law. We’re going
to control the
government system
to do it.

Whoever is helpless
is worthless.

We will set the
stage for the failure
of those who are
righteous because
they are altogether
against us.

The righteous slight
us for the way we
misuse the law. They
insult us for our
teachings and
beliefs. Not only do

they say they know
God, but they dare
say they are actually
God's children!

They must have been
created just to reject
us. We really can't
stand to look at
them. They're not
like other people.
Their ways are so
different and strange

from others. They consider us to be filthy fakers and make a point to stay away from us. They say they will be blessed in the end and that God is their Father.

So, let's see if what the righteous people are saying is true or

not. We're going to
test and see what
will happen to the
godly in the end. If
these so-called "just"
people are really the
children of God, let's
see if God will help
and deliver them
from our special
persecution.
We're going to find
out if they can

handle our torture
and cruelty.

Let's see if their
meekness and
patience will hold
up to our tests of
torment. Putting
them to death in
humiliating ways
ought to shut their
mouths about being
respected. After all,

that's what they say
about themselves—
they'll be respected.

You see, Believer,
these are the types
of things the ungodly
think about the
godly. They think
this way because
they have been
deceived and have
been spiritually

blinded “by their own wickedness”.

They’ve never understood the mysteries of God or grasped anything about the rewards that are given to those who are righteous. You see, there really is an afterlife because,

from the very
beginning of human
creation, God
designed humankind
to exist beyond the
physical body—to be
incapable of being
destroyed; immortal.
God made humans
this way so that
humans would be
“an image of God’s
own eternity”.

Because of the
devil's enviousness,
however, death
entered the world.

Those who agree
with the devil's way
of thinking behave
as the devil does.

They do what he
does, which leads to

an eternal spiritual
“death”.

That is the end result
of the wrong thinking
of the wicked.